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SUBJECT: NORDIC MEETING ON GUINEA-BISSAU

1. THYBERG, CHIEF OF MFA SECOND POLITICAL DIVISION (AMERICA, AFRICA, EUROPE, NON-COMMUNIST ASIA), TOLD ME NOV. 13 HE WILL GO TO OSLO NOV. 15 FOR WORKING-LEVEL MEETING OF NORDIC MFAS ON QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU. THYBERG SAID PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO ATTEMPT ACHIEVE COMMON NORDIC POSITION ON RECOGNITION.

2. THYBERG SAID HE HAD MADE EXTENSIVE INQUIRY INTO PRESENT CONDITION OF PAIGC AND ITS QUALIFICATIONS TO BE REGARDED AS A GOVERNMENT. "BY THE STANDARDS WE ACCEPT-- EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF SUBSTANTIAL TERRITORY, EXERCISE OF GOVERNING FUNCTIONS, AND SO FORTH--IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER THE GUINEA-BISSAU MOVEMENT A GOVERNMENT," THYBERG SAID. "BUT MAYBE THAT IS JUST THE CONCLUSION OF AN UNIMAGINATIVE CIVIL SERVANT."

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3. I ASKED THYBERG WHETHER THERE WAS REALLY ALL THAT

PRESSURE IN SCANDINAVIA FOR RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU
LIBERATION GOVERNMENT, SAYING I COULD NOT FEEL IT IN
STOCKHOLM. HE SAID THIS WAS ONE OF THINGS HE EXPECTED
TO FIND OUT IN OSLO.
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